

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The *Notch*-ligands of use in the present invention are preferably *Delta* or *Serrate* family member proteins or polypeptides or derivatives thereof. These are preferably obtained using standard techniques of recombinant technology well known to the person skilled in the art. Appropriate gene sequences for use to generate such compounds of the present invention may be obtained from publications such as WO 97/01571, WO 96/27610 and WO 92/19734. The invention is not however in any way limited by the *Notch*, *Delta* and *Serrate* sequences disclosed in these publications. More preferably, such *Notch*, *Delta* or *Serrate* or family members, proteins or polypeptides or derivatives therefrom are fragments of the extracellular domains of *Notch*, *Delta* or *Serrate*, or family members or are derivatives of such fragments. As used herein, the term "*Notch* ligand" further includes any ligand or ligand family member that interacts with a *Notch* protein family member and includes the group of proteins referred to as "toporythmic proteins" i.e. the protein product of the *Delta* and *Serrate* genes as well as other members of this gene family identifiable by virtue of the ability of their gene sequences to hybridize to, or their homology with *Notch*, *Delta* or *Serrate* proteins, or the ability of their genes to display phenotypic interactions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The term "derivative" as used herein, in relation to proteins or polypeptides of the present invention includes any substitution of, variation of, modification of, replacement of, deletion of or addition of one (or more) amino acid residues from or to the sequence, providing that the resultant protein or polypeptide possesses the capability of modulating *Notch-Notch* ligand interactions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The term "variant" as used herein, in relation to proteins or polypeptides of the present invention includes any substitution of, variation of, modification of, replacement of, deletion of or addition of one (or more) amino acid residues from or to the sequence, providing that the resultant protein or polypeptide possesses the capability of modulating *Notch-Notch* ligand interactions.--